

Newsletter

11th March 2016



ARK Dickens
Primary Academy

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy week at Ark Dickens. Miss Waelend will be sending home a letter next Monday containing a lot more information for parents. Please check your child's school bag to ensure you receive the letter.

Thank you to those parents of Year 6 children who attended the SATs information meeting on Thursday. We will be arranging another meeting for Year 2 parents and also an evening meeting for those parents who are unable to get in to school at the end of the day.

Can I please remind parents that if you wish to see your child's class teacher, please ask at the front office in the first instance. Our receptionist will be able to take a message and make the necessary arrangements with your child's teacher for a convenient time for you to meet. Our school office is open from 8.00am – 5.00pm each day. If you have any problems or issues you need to discuss please talk to the staff on duty who will then deal with your enquiries.



Sports Relief: We shall be taking part in activities for Sports Relief on Thursday next week, 17th March. The following activities will be held in school:

Non-uniform day: Children and staff can dress up as their sporting hero's and pay a contribution of 50p towards our fundraising.

Cake Sale: We will be holding a cake sale during breaktime and after school. Can we please ask for donations of cakes to be brought into school on Thursday morning for us to sell to help our fundraising efforts.

Other activities: Mr Fossey will be organising other surprise activities on the Upper School playground from 3.00pm.

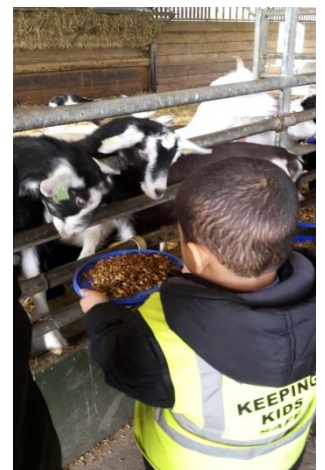
Whole School Class Photographs: The school photographer will be visiting us next Friday, 18th March, to take whole class photographs. We would love to see every child dressed in their full uniform and looking smart for their picture.

School Ties: School ties are still available to buy from the school office at a reduced price of £3.00.

Family Quiz Night – 23rd March: We still have places available for the Family Quiz Night so please get your forms in to us by the end of next week (Friday 18th March) and come and join us for a fun filled family evening. If you need a form to complete please ask at the school office.



Longdown Dairy Farm: Our reception children had a lovely visit to Longdown Dairy Farm this week. Please check out our school website for further details and more photos.



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ParentingTip



Conversation



Have a conversation with your child, make eye contact if appropriate and talk to them about school, friends and things they like to do and what they are looking forward to; take an interest in their life.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Week beginning: 7th March 2016. Congratulations to the following pupils who received a Headteacher's Award.

Nursery	Amina Ali	Reception	Badger Class & Barley Class
Year 1	Naowaz Miah, Micawber Class, Bradley Kirkwood, Grace Anders	Year 2	Dimitry Kursevs, Hope Gardiner, Lily Donkin, Jayden Hilliar
Year 3	Sonner Pearce, Ethan Svatik-Evans, Jaheim Johnson, Annie-May Burton	Year 4	Jamie Payne, Alaina Barnard, Kayleigh Peters, Tawhid Khan
Year 5	Hayden Hannam, Courtney Byrne, Poppy Drain, Aisha Madi	Year 6	Katy Tash, Lauren Dixon, Alan Dytfeld, Sharmina Khan

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

WEEK ENDING (Mon to Fri)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School)	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School)	%
				
10 th March	Jagers	97.5%	Badger & Twist	95%

Well done to the winning classes!

Dates for your diary

Sports Relief – non uniform day
 Whole School Class Photographs
 Weald & Downland Museum Trip (Year 1)
 Parents Voice Meeting
 Family Quiz Night
 School finishes for Easter Holidays
 Good Friday – school closed
 Easter Sunday
 Easter Monday
 INSET Day – school closed to children
 Start of Summer Term – school open

Thursday 17th March
 Friday 18th March
 Tuesday 22nd March
 Tuesday 22nd March (2.00 – 3.00pm)
 Wednesday 23rd March (6.00 – 7.30pm)
 Thursday 24th March
 Friday 25th March
 Sunday 27th March
 Monday 28th March
 Monday 11th April
 Tuesday 12th April

Check out our school website for more information, stories and pictures: www.arkdickensprimary.org